



First-Time Bachelor's Degree

The First-Time Bachelor's Degree Scholarship is purposely designed to assist first-time Bachelor's degree students who may not qualify for the Federal Pell Grant or only receive limited Pell Grant assistance. Limited funding is available on a first-come-first-served basis to assist with tuition costs.

To be considered for this scholarship, students must meet the following requirements:

- Complete the [FAFSA](#) by July 1st of each academic year.
- Must be pursuing your first bachelor's degree. (Students who have already completed a bachelor's degree at another institution will not be eligible.)
- Enrolled in 300 or 400-level courses.
- Enrolled in at least 9 credits (preference given to full-time, 12 credits or higher applicants).
- Have a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.0. or higher.
- Must be meeting [SAP \(Satisfactory Academic Progress\)](#) (Satisfactory Academic Progress – GPA and PACE) standards.

Maximum award per semester - \$2,000.00

Awards are pro-rated for students attending 9-11.99 credits. Max award amount is \$1,500.00.

Students will be awarded in the following priority order:

To apply for the waiver, you must meet the following requirements:

- First Tier - Full-time students (or higher) who have completed at least one (or more semesters) in their declared bachelor's degree program and do not qualify for the Federal Pell grant.
- Second Tier- Full-time enrollment with at least 6 credits in 300/400 level courses and no Federal Pell grant awarded.
- Third Tier - If funding is available, the selection will include full-time students with a Student Aid Index (SAI) of 5,000 or higher with a minimal Federal Pell grant awarded. The scholarship would cover the difference between the Pell Grant and the CSN First-time Bachelor Scholarship. (Not to exceed the maximum scholarship award.)
- Fourth Tier - The fourth Tier will be reviewed only if funding remains available, which includes students with a minimum of 11 credits per semester. Enrolled in 300/400 level courses and are not eligible for the Federal Pell grant.

Award Details

Scholarship awards are posted to your Financial Aid awards section beginning in August of each year for the Fall semester, and in November for the Spring semester. For students in their final semester towards graduation who cannot meet the 9-credit minimum enrollment requirement, it is recommended to apply for [Mission Graduation](#). The scholarship cannot be prorated for less than the 9-credit minimum.